

REMARKS

I. Introduction

Claims 1 to 26 are pending in the present application. In view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

II. Previously Amended Claims 1 to 7, 9 and 10

Claims 1 to 7, 9 and 10 were previously amended, per amendments made on June 12, 2003, *inter alia*, so as to change "initial solids mixture for a later organic coating" to --aqueous or water containing organic coating solution with electrically conductive additive particles--. The Office Action alleges that the originally claimed solids mixture and the "newly" claimed coating composition are related as mutually exclusive species in an intermediate-final product relationship. See Office Action at p. 2. Applicant submits that claims 1 to 7, 9 and 10, as currently amended, relate to an initial solids mixture for a later organic coating. Since claims 1 to 7, 9 and 10 as originally filed related to an initial solids mixture for a later organic coating, it is respectfully submitted that the issue of whether the "newly" claimed coating composition is distinct from the originally claimed solids mixture is rendered moot. Therefore, examination on the merits of claims 1 to 7, 9 and 10 is respectfully requested.

III. Conclusion

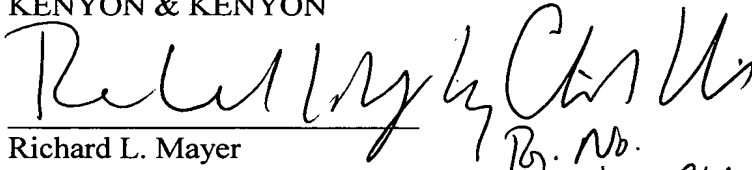
It is therefore respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable. All issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed, an early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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